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In re U.S. Patent Application of:

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AMENDMENT

Applicant appreciates the courtesy of the interview granted applicant and his attorney on May 29, 2001, by Supervisory Examiner Jeanette Chapman.

In response to the Official Action of February 8, 2001, and in light of the Supervisory Examiner's comments during the interview, Applicant respectfully requests that Claims 1 and 24 of the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

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1. (Amended) A golf practice and exercise device for use with a golf club, comprising a frame member having a base portion for supporting the device on a floor or ground, said frame member extending upwardly from the base member and having an outwardly extending mounting arm, and an object swingably suspended from said mounting arm with at least a portion of said object adjacent the floor or ground in position to be struck by a golf clubhead during a normal swing of said golf club, said object having a golf clubhead impact surface of a size at least that of the corresponding surface of a baseball to provide a large target so that the golfer can swing said golf club freely without concentration on striking the small target of a golf ball, said object being of a mass at least that of a baseball to provide